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SUBJECT: TRIAL AND SENTENCING OF PFLO TERRORISTS

REF: MUSCAT 733 OF NOV. 11 AND 702 OF NOV. 3, 1974

1. IN SINGLE DAY AFFAIR MARKED BY BUSTLE OF POLICE MOTOR-CADES AND HELICOPTER FLIGHTS, PFLO TERRORISTS ARRESTED AS RESULT OF AL-HAZM INCIDENT (REFTELS) AND THOSE ROUNDED UP LATER WERE TRIED ON APRIL 16. DETAILS OF TRIAL NOT AVAILABLE, BUT INDICATIONS ARE THAT 21 OR 22 INDIVIDUALS CHARGED, WITH ADDITIONAL UNDETERMINED NUMBER RELEASED AFTER SEVERE WARNING AGAINST FUTURE ASSOCIATION WITH PFLO ELEMENTS. OF THOSE TRIED, PRESUMABLY ALL FOUND GUILTY, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS STATING THAT A FEW WERE ACQUITTED (THESE MAY HAVE BEEN AMONG THOSE REPORTEDLY RELEASED AFTER WARNING).

2. ON APRIL 19, GUILTY WERE SENTENCED. FOUR WERE CONDEMNED TO DEATH, OTHERS GIVEN JAIL TERMS RANGING FROM TWO YEARS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

3. EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTS THAT POLICE CARRIED OUT EXECUTIONS DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS APRIL 21. THOSE EXECUTED WERE UMAR MANSOUR SIRHAN AL-HINA'I (DRIVER OF LANDROVER INVOLVED IN AL-HAZM INCIDENT); MOHAMMAD HASSAN YUSUF MACKI (BROTHER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SALEM MACKI, FORMER CHIEF OF PETROLEUM AFFAIRS AND A COUSIN

OF AMBASSADOR AHMAD MACKI; AND SAUD MUHAMMAD SALEM MARZOUKY
WHO HAD BEEN IMPLICATED IN 1972 "OPERATION JASON." THESE
THREE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN LAST OCTOBER'S ABORTIVE PLOT.
FOURTH PFLO MEMBER EXECUTED (EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE NAME)
SUPPOSEDLY A HIGH-RANKING LEADER IN REBEL MOVEMENT.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS IF AND AS THEY BECOME
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